

# St. Mark Catholic Parish

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Don Sanvido  
**DEACON:** Mr. Basil Markides  
**SECRETARY:** Mrs. Pam Olinski

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**  
Saturday at 5:00 PM  
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. at 7:00 AM  
Tuesday at 7:00 PM  
Saturday at 9:00 AM

**CONFESSIONS**  
Saturday 9:30–10:30 AM & 3:45–4:45 PM  
or by appointment.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** First Tuesday evening of the month at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

**ADORATION CHAPEL**  
**Perpetual Adoration:** Spots open, see Chapel  
**Divine Mercy:** Fridays 3:00 PM  
**Our Lady's Rosary:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM  
**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 7:00 PM

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** We invite you to register. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

**BAPTISM:** Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. A Preparation Meeting is held on the Wednesday evening preceding the baptism. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office at least one month in advance. You will then be contacted by a member of the Baptism team.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass. Two separate drop-in programs for K-1 & Gr. 2-3. No need to register.

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please advise the office of area hospital admissions to request a pastoral visit or the Sacrament of the Sick.

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITS:** Father will bring Communion to the sick on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. Please call the office to schedule a visit.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:**  
Instructions by appointment. Call 519-742-3979 or nfp@golden.net.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** White Box Collection on the last Sunday of the month. Call 519-571-8485 for information on food distribution.



*"... The seed is sprouting and growing ..."* (Mark 4:27)

## MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at the beginning of Mass.

**Mass cards** are available at the parish office during office hours, or you can find them already signed in the church lobby and in the adoration chapel.

If you prefer to make arrangements in person, you may do so during office hours, or over the phone. There is no charge for Mass intentions. The Bishop suggests an offering of \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have \_\_\_\_\_ Mass(es) celebrated for  
HOW MANY?

the intentions of *(living)* **OR**  the repose of the soul of *(deceased)*

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

**Please choose your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:**

The date of the Mass does not matter.

**OR**

The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday  | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday  | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on a Sunday  |

**OR**

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses a few months in advance.

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*We will attempt to contact you by phone if we are unable to accommodate your request.*

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Worship This Week:

Sept. 26 – Oct. 2, 2016

**Monday** (FEAST – ST. JOHN de BREBEUF & ST. ISAAC JOGUES)

7:00 am - Int. of Brian Flood – *Flood family*

**Tuesday** (MEMORIAL – ST. VINCENT de PAUL)

7:00 PM - Int. of the Gonsalves Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

**Wednesday**

7:00 am - Int. of Brendan Flood – *Flood family*

**Thursday** (FEAST – ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, ST. RAPHAEL)

7:00 am - Int. of Donovan Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

**Friday** (MEMORIAL – ST. JEROME)

7:00 am - Int. of Darren & Marcy Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

**Saturday** (MEMORIAL – ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS)

9:00 am - Int. of Drew Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

### 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10*

**SAT. 5:00 PM** - Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

**SUN. 9:30 am** + Currien Kudoba – *Frank & Beth Seaward*

**11:30 am** + John Blanchette – *Diane*

### Offertory Collections

Sept. 17/18, 2016

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,303.00

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) ..... \$ 1,357.50

Loose monies ..... \$ 414.35

**TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS**..... **\$ 4,074.85**

Mortgage envelopes.....\$ 115.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52) ..... \$ 276.92

**TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS**..... **\$ 391.92**

**Refugee Sponsorship Offerings**..... **\$ 500.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

### S.M.Y.C.A.

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (*open to ages 19-35*)

► We have made some changes to our program schedule for the Fall!

**We now meet weekly on Thursday evenings** for a variety of study, prayer, praise and worship activities, followed by our weekly hour of Adoration. We will also host a couple of social events each month – see our updated board in the narthex for details. RSVP on our Facebook event page ([StMarksYoungCatholicAdults](https://www.facebook.com/StMarksYoungCatholicAdults)) or email us at [StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com](mailto:StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com). Hope you'll join us!



**Save the date! ... Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

*Drop in to the Parish Hall to shop  
from over 25 different vendors!*

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO OUR MORTGAGE FUND.

### LITURGICAL ROLES

**Altar Servers, Readers, Ushers, Gift Bearers, Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Please continue to use the Sign-Up Sheets posted on the blackboard in the narthex until the new schedules come out in October.

*Thank you for your dedication and service to St. Mark's!*

### TODAY IS SIGN-UP SUNDAY!

(Sept. 24/25 in the Narthex)

**All current ministers and volunteers, and any NEW and interested parishioners are asked to sign the sheet for your chosen ministry.**

A reminder to anyone in a **high-risk ministry** to make sure you have submitted a police check to the parish office. If you have not yet done this, be sure to pick up a letter to present to the police station which will give you a volunteer discount. Copies will be available at the sign up tables, or from the parish office.

### Monthly Children's Mass



We will be having a monthly Mass dedicated to the children of the parish. Children from First Communion age (Gr.2) to Confirmation age (Gr. 7) will be given the opportunity to fully participate in the Holy Mass by doing the readings, prayers of the faithful, and bearing gifts to the altar.

**Our first Children's Mass will be held on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 9:30AM Mass. Our first practice is this Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-6PM.**

If you are interested in participating please sign up or speak with Jessica Heine (519-496-2328) for more details. When you add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex, please include your phone number so the leader can contact you for practice times.

### First Communion & Confirmation PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS:



**First Communion Info. Meeting:** For parents of children in Gr. 2, Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.



**Confirmation Info. Meeting:** For parents of children in Gr. 7, Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

**Registration Forms** for these sacraments will soon be distributed to students in Grades 2 and 7 at St. Mark's and St. Dominic's Schools. Please check your child's backpack, fill out the form and bring it with you to the information meeting. **If your child attends another school**, forms will soon be available in the church lobby.



40 Days for Life will be holding a Campaign beginning on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and ending on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. We will stand and pray in witness in front of Freeport Hospital for all life but especially for the weakest and most defenseless – the child in the womb. Daily hours will be from 6 am until 9 pm, seven days a week. To sign up for hours or more info please visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com). Our parish has agreed to adopt **Fri. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> & Wed. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please see Susie in the narthex for sign up sheet and more info.

## St. Mark's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



All are welcome to our chapel to spend time visiting with our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider making a weekly commitment to an hour of your choice, or by signing up for one of these vacant hours:

- Sunday 4-5pm
- Monday 3-4am
- Monday 9-10am
- Tuesday 12-1am
- Tuesday 3-4am
- Tuesday 4-5am
- Thursday 7-8am
- Friday 7-8pm
- Saturday 11-12noon
- Saturday 12noon - 1pm
- Saturday 6-7pm
- Saturday 7-8pm

For information about our chapel, please call Colette at 519-576-7490.

## Syrian Family Sponsorship Update

Dear friends,

On behalf of St. Mark's sponsorship committee, I'm delighted to share that the Syrian family sponsored by our parish arrived from Lebanon on Monday, September 19, safe and sound. This family of six – a father, mother and four children from ages 4 to 12 – are now part of our community. Their joy at seeing their new home was overwhelming. And the thanks and genuine appreciation they've expressed have been humbling. Our focus now is to help them settle into their new surroundings, so they feel welcome and safe. We'll keep you updated as things progress. In the meantime, thank you all for your prayers, support and generosity. As a parish, we've come together and will hopefully make a meaningful difference in this family's life. God bless!

*Daina Feick*

## R.C.I.A. ... Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Would you like to find out more about becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to grow in your own faith journey by helping others explore the love of God? Classes will begin in November for all who are interested in becoming Catholic or considering the Catholic faith. Please call the parish office or speak to Fr. Don after Mass soon to inform us of your interest.

## The Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation Course is in need of a couple who can give a talk on Natural Family Planning.

The talk, complete with PowerPoint presentation, has already been created. We are seeking a couple to present it. This couple must have some experience using NFP, and accept the Catholic Church's teachings on Sexuality and Family Planning as explained in *Humanae Vitae*.

## The course is also in need of married volunteer facilitator couples.

You will gain more by sharing your experience than you give. Sharing your story is a great way to reconnect with your spouse. Please consider joining the Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation team. Time commitment: help out as often as you can commit – the course runs 8 times per year (approx. once a month, with summers off).

Anyone interested is asked to please contact: Kathy Fahey at [marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com](mailto:marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com).



## Are you in the process of planning your wedding?

Don't wait to register for the Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation Course. Application forms and dates are available at your parish. Please speak to your pastor for a registration form. Please contact Kathy Fahey at [marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com](mailto:marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com) for information.

## C.W.L. CORNER ...

### • NEXT MEETING:

**Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.** (instead of Thanksgiving)



## NOVENA TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**From Sept. 25 to Oct. 3**, join us in praying the Novena to St. Francis of Assisi. Francis is such a valuable saint for us to follow; he was a wealthy young man distracted by the temptations of the world, who, thanks to the grace of God, experienced a major conversion, and eventually became a shining example of the Christian life for us today. Visit the St. Francis of Assisi Parish website, [www.stfranciskw.ca](http://www.stfranciskw.ca) every day from Sept. 25 to Oct. 3 to pray the novena, learn about St. Francis, and you may experience conversion and renewal of faith as he did.

**ANNUAL FALL CARD PARTY – Thurs. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener.** Hosted by Sacred Heart C.W.L. Admission \$10. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Sausage on a bun with sauerkraut served at 6 p.m. followed by cards. Many door prizes – join us for a fun night!

**LIFE CHAIN MEMORIAL 2016 – Sunday October 2nd**, 2-3pm in front of Kitchener City Hall 200 King St. Kit. Bring your family and friends and hold a sign. A short talk at 2:50pm. We remember and pray for all concerned for the now over 4,000,000 babies that have died in Canada since 1970 from abortion. Jane Richard - KW Right to Life President 519.746.5433 [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca). "Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants." - St. Mother Teresa

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? **Retrouville** is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential info or to register for the **October 14<sup>th</sup>** weekend, please call 905-664-5212 or email: [hamiltonretrouville1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouville1@cogeco.ca) or visit [retrouville.org](http://retrouville.org).

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WORKSHOP/RETREAT DAY

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00am - 2:30pm at the **Chancery Office**, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. Cost: \$30 includes lunch & patterns. Are you involved or would like to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry in your parish? Consider joining us for this day of sharing, reflection & prayer while we knit and crochet! Please bring a pair of 8mm knitting needles or a crochet hook & some yarn. Please register by Oct. 11. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, x 2238 or check the website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information.

## Today is White Box Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a White Box in the narthex this weekend (Sept. 24/25) for anyone wishing to make a donation.



We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Cody Andrews** (son of Dave & Shauna Andrews) and of **Currien Kudoba** (mother of Connie (Derek) Keough) who both passed away in the month of September.  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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